

There has been enough consolidation of broadcast and other news media already; I have often seen virtually identical stories with identical viewpoints presented in several newspapers and broadcast media simultaneously.

Further media consolidation has questionable, if any, benefits to the American public and will result in less diversity among the (remaining) sources of readily accessible broadcast and print information. Without a variety of viewpoints, the citizens of the United States will have a much more difficult time making the informed decisions that are vital to the preservation of our democracy.

I couldn't agree less with the assertion that media consolidation represents a "bigger megaphone" through which to communicate a broader range of ideas; I maintain that further consolidation would simply result in many small megaphones owned by the same people, all squawking identical messages.

Please consider the interests of the American people, which in this case are not aligned with those of American corporations, in your decision.

Thank you for your attention.